

<b>SOLICITATION/CONTRACT/ORDER FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS</b> <b>OFFEROR TO COMPLETE BLOCKS 12, 17, 23, 24, &amp; 30</b>				1. REQUISITION NUMBER <b>PR-NC-02-10450</b>		PAGE 1 OF	
2. CONTRACT NO.		3. AWARD/EFFECTIVE DATE		4. ORDER NUMBER		5. SOLICITATION NUMBER <b>PR-NC-02-10450</b>	
6. SOLICITATION ISSUE DATE <b>4/4/02</b>		7. FOR SOLICITATION INFORMATION CALL: <b>LAURANNE M. VOGEL</b>		b. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No collect calls) <b>(919)541-2311</b>		8. OFFER DUE DATE/LOCAL TIME <b>4/22/02 01:00 PM</b>	
9. ISSUED BY <b>Environmental Protection Agency</b> <b>RTP Procurement Operations Division</b>  <b>Research Triangle Park (Industrial Area), NC 27711</b>				10. THIS ACQUISITION IS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNRESTRICTED  <input type="checkbox"/> SET ASIDE: % FOR <input type="checkbox"/> SMALL BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> SMALL DISADV. BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/> 8(A)  NAICS: <b>722310</b> SIZE STANDARD:		11. DELIVERY FOR FOB DESTINATION UNLESS BLOCK IS MARKED <input type="checkbox"/> SEE SCHEDULE  <input type="checkbox"/> 13a. THIS CONTRACT IS A RATED ORDER UNDER DPAS (15 CFR 700)	
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		<b>ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER (ERC) CAFETERIA OPERATIONS</b>  <i>(Attach Additional sheets as Necessary)</i>					
				23. UNIT PRICE		24. AMOUNT	
25. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA <b>N/A</b>						26. TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT (For Govt. Use Only)	
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28. CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND RETURN COPIES <input type="checkbox"/> TO ISSUING OFFICE. CONTRACTOR AGREES TO FURNISH AND DELIVER ALL ITEMS SET FORTH OR OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED ABOVE AND ON ANY ADDITIONAL SHEETS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIED HEREIN.				29. AWARD OF CONTRACT: REFERENCE _____ OFFER <input type="checkbox"/> DATED _____. YOUR OFFER ON SOLICITATION (BLOCK 5), INCLUDING ANY ADDITIONS OR CHANGES WHICH ARE SET FORTH HEREIN, IS ACCEPTED AS TO ITEMS:			
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30b. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (TYPE OR PRINT)		30c. DATE SIGNED		31b. NAME OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (TYPE OR PRINT)		31c. DATE SIGNED	
				<b>LAURANNE M. VOGEL</b>			
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				38. S/R ACCOUNT NUMBER		39. S/R VOUCHER NUMBER	
41a. I CERTIFY THIS ACCOUNT IS CORRECT AND PROPER FOR PAYMENT		41b. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFYING OFFICER		41c. DATE		42a. RECEIVED BY (Print)	
				42b. RECEIVED AT (Location)		40. PAID BY	
				42c. DATE RECD (YY/MM/DD)		42d. TOTAL CONTAINERS	

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**1. CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS -- COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FAR 52.212-4) (FEB 2002)**

(a) *Inspection/Acceptance.* The Contractor shall only tender for acceptance those items that conform to the requirements of this contract. The Government reserves the right to inspect or test any supplies or services that have been tendered for acceptance. The Government may require repair or replacement of nonconforming supplies or reperformance of nonconforming services at no increase in contract price. The Government must exercise its post-acceptance rights --

(1) Within a reasonable time after the defect was discovered or should have been discovered; and

(2) Before any substantial change occurs in the condition of the item, unless the change is due to the defect in the item.

(b) *Assignment.* The Contractor or its assignee may assign its rights to receive payment due as a result of performance of this contract to a bank, trust company, or other financing institution, including any Federal lending agency in accordance with the Assignment of Claims Act (31 U.S.C.3727). However, when a third party makes payment (e.g., use of the Governmentwide commercial purchase card), the Contractor may not assign its rights to receive payment under this contract.

(c) *Changes.* Changes in the terms and conditions of this contract may be made only by written agreement of the parties.

(d) *Disputes.* This contract is subject to the Contract Disputes Act of 1978, as amended (41 U.S.C. 601-613). Failure of the parties to this contract to reach agreement on any request for equitable adjustment, claim, appeal or action arising under or relating to this contract shall be a dispute to be resolved in accordance with the clause at FAR 52.233-1, Disputes, which is incorporated herein by reference. The Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of this contract, pending final resolution of any dispute arising under the contract.

(e) *Definitions.* The clause at FAR 52.202-1, Definitions, is incorporated herein by reference.

(f) *Excusable delays.* The Contractor shall be liable for default unless nonperformance is caused by an occurrence beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor and without its fault or negligence such as, acts of God or the public enemy, acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, unusually severe weather, and delays of common carriers. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing as soon as it is reasonably possible after the commencement of any excusable delay, setting forth the full particulars in connection therewith, shall remedy such occurrence with all reasonable dispatch, and shall promptly give written notice to the Contracting Officer of the cessation of such occurrence.

(g) *Invoice.* (1) The Contractor shall submit an original invoice and three copies (or electronic invoice, if authorized) to the address designated in the contract to receive invoices. An invoice

must include--

- (i) Name and address of the Contractor;
- (ii) Invoice date and number;
- (iii) Contract number, contract line item number and, if applicable, the order number;
- (iv) Description, quantity, unit of measure, unit price and extended price of the items delivered;
- (v) Shipping number and date of shipment, including the bill of lading number and weight of shipment if shipped on Government bill of lading;
- (vi) Terms of any discount for prompt payment offered;
- (vii) Name and address of official to whom payment is to be sent;
- (viii) Name, title, and phone number of person to notify in event of defective invoice; and
- (ix) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). The Contractor shall include its TIN on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.
- (x) Electronic funds transfer (EFT) banking information.

(A) The Contractor shall include EFT banking information on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.

(B) If EFT banking information is not required to be on the invoice, in order for the invoice to be a proper invoice, the Contractor shall have submitted correct EFT banking information in accordance with the applicable solicitation provision, contract clause (e.g., 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer--Central Contractor Registration, or 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer--Other Than Central Contractor Registration), or applicable agency procedures.

(C) EFT banking information is not required if the Government waived the requirement to pay by EFT.

(2) Invoices will be handled in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act (31 U.S.C. 3903) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR part 1315.

(h) *Patent indemnity.* The Contractor shall indemnify the Government and its officers, employees and agents against liability, including costs, for actual or alleged direct or contributory infringement of, or inducement to infringe, any United States or foreign patent, trademark or copyright, arising out of the performance of this contract, provided the Contractor is reasonably notified of such claims and proceedings.

(i) *Payment.* Payment shall be made for items accepted by the Government that have been delivered to the delivery destinations set forth in this contract. The Government will make payment in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act (31 U.S.C. 3903) and OMB prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR part

1315. In connection with any discount offered for early payment, time shall be computed from the date of the invoice. For the purpose of computing the discount earned, payment shall be considered to have been made on the date which appears on the payment check or the specified payment date if an electronic funds transfer payment is made.

(j) *Risk of loss.* Unless the contract specifically provides otherwise, risk of loss or damage to the supplies provided under this contract shall remain with the Contractor until, and shall pass to the Government upon:

(1) Delivery of the supplies to a carrier, if transportation is f.o.b. origin; or

(2) Delivery of the supplies to the Government at the destination specified in the contract, if transportation is f.o.b. destination.

(k) *Taxes.* The contract price includes all applicable Federal, State, and local taxes and duties.

(l) *Termination for the Government's convenience.* The Government reserves the right to terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work hereunder and shall immediately cause any and all of its suppliers and subcontractors to cease work. Subject to the terms of this contract, the Contractor shall be paid a percentage of the contract price reflecting the percentage of the work performed prior to the notice of termination, plus reasonable charges the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Government using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination. The Contractor shall not be required to comply with the cost accounting standards or contract cost principles for this purpose. This paragraph does not give the Government any right to audit the Contractor's records. The Contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred which reasonably could have been avoided.

(m) *Termination for cause.* The Government may terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for cause in the event of any default by the Contractor, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any contract terms and conditions, or fails to provide the Government, upon request, with adequate assurances of future performance. In the event of termination for cause, the Government shall not be liable to the Contractor for any amount for supplies or services not accepted, and the Contractor shall be liable to the Government for any and all rights and remedies provided by law. If it is determined that the Government improperly terminated this contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.

(n) *Title.* Unless specified elsewhere in this contract, title to items furnished under this contract shall pass to the Government upon acceptance, regardless of when or where the Government takes physical possession.

(o) *Warranty.* The Contractor warrants and implies that the items delivered hereunder are merchantable and fit for use for the particular purpose described in this contract.

(p) *Limitation of liability.* Except as otherwise provided by an express warranty, the Contractor will not be liable to the Government for

consequential damages resulting from any defect or deficiencies in accepted items.

(q) *Other compliances.* The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, executive orders, rules and regulations applicable to its performance under this contract.

(r) *Compliance with laws unique to Government contracts.* The Contractor agrees to comply with 31 U.S.C. 1352 relating to limitations on the use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracts; 18 U.S.C. 431 relating to officials not to benefit; 40 U.S.C. 327, et seq., Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act; 41 U.S.C. 51-58, Anti-Kickback Act of 1986; 41 U.S.C. 265 and 10 U.S.C. 2409 relating to whistleblower protections; 49 U.S.C. 40118, Fly American; and 41 U.S.C. 423 relating to procurement integrity.

(s) *Order of precedence.* Any inconsistencies in this solicitation or contract shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- (1) The schedule of supplies/services.
- (2) The Assignments, Disputes, Payments, Invoice, Other Compliances, and Compliance with Laws Unique to Government Contracts paragraphs of this clause.
- (3) The clause at 52.212-5.
- (4) Addenda to this solicitation or contract, including any license agreements for computer software.
- (5) Solicitation provisions if this is a solicitation.
- (6) Other paragraphs of this clause.
- (7) The Standard Form 1449.
- (8) Other documents, exhibits, and attachments.
- (9) The specification.



**2. CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS -- COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FAR 52.212-5) (MAY 2001)**

(a) The Contractor shall comply with the following FAR clauses, which are incorporated in this contract by reference, to implement provisions of law or executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

(1) 52.222-3, Convict Labor (E.O. 11755).

(2) 52.233-3, Protest after Award (31 U.S.C. 3553).

(b) The Contractor agrees to comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (b) which the contracting officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items or components:

*(Contracting Officer shall check as appropriate.)*

\_\_\_\_ (1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government, with Alternate I (41 U.S.C. 253g and 10 U.S.C. 2402).

\_\_\_\_ (2) 52.219-3, Notice of Total HUBZone Small Business Set-Aside (Jan 1999).

\_\_\_\_ (3) 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (Jan 1999) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer).

\_\_\_\_ (4) (i) 52.219-5, Very Small Business Set-Aside (Pub. L. 103-403, section 304, Small Business Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 1994).

\_\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I to 52.219-5

\_\_\_\_ (iii) Alternate II to 52.219-5.

\_\_\_\_ (5) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (15 U.S.C. 637(d) (2) and (3));

\_\_\_\_ (6) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (15 U.S.C. 637(d) (4));

\_\_\_\_ (7) 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (15 U.S.C. 637(a) (14)).

\_\_\_\_ (8) (i) 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323) (if the offeror elects to waive the adjustment, it shall so indicate in its offer).

\_\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I if 52.219-23.

\_\_\_\_ (9) 52.219-25, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program-- Disadvantaged Status and Reporting (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323).

\_\_\_\_ (10) 52.219-26, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program--

Incentive Subcontracting (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323).

\_X\_(11) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Feb 1999).

\_X\_(12) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (E.O. 11246).

\_X\_(13) 52.222-35, Affirmative Action for Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era (38 U.S.C. 4212).

\_X\_(14) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (29 U.S.C. 793).

\_X\_(15) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era (38 U.S.C. 4212).

\_\_\_\_(16)(i) 52.223-9, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Products (42 U.S.C. 6962(c)(3)(A)(ii)).

\_\_\_\_(ii) Alternate I of 52.223-9 (42 U.S.C. 6962(i)(2)(C)).

\_\_\_\_(17) 52.225-1, Buy American Act--Balance of Payments Program--Supplies (41 U.S.C. 10a-10d).

\_X\_(18)(i) 52.225-3, Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreement--Israeli Trade Act--Balance of Payments Program (41 U.S.C. 10a-10d, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note, 19 U.S.C. 2112 note).

\_\_\_\_(ii) Alternate I of 52.225-3.

\_\_\_\_(iii) Alternate II of 52.225-3.

\_\_\_\_(19) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (19 U.S.C. 2501, et seq., 19 U.S.C. 3301 note).

\_X\_(20) 52.225-13, Restriction on Certain Foreign Purchases (E.O. 12722, 12724, 13059, 13067, 13121, and 13129).

\_\_\_\_(21) 52.225-15, Sanctioned European Union Country End Products (E.O. 12849).

\_\_\_\_(22) 52.225-16, Sanctioned European Union Country Services (E.O. 12849).

\_\_\_\_(23) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer--Central Contractor Registration (31 U.S.C. 3332).

\_X\_(24) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer--Other than Central Contractor Registration (31 U.S.C. 3332).

\_\_\_\_(25) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (31 U.S.C. 3332).

\_\_\_\_(26) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (5 U.S.C. 552a)

\_\_\_\_(27)(i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (46 U.S.C. 1241).

\_\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I of 52.247-64.

(c) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial services, which the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items or components:

*(Contracting Officer check as appropriate.)*

  X   (1) 52.222-41, Service Contract Act of 1965, As amended (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

  X   (2) 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

  X   (3) 52.222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act - Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

  X   (4) 52.222-44, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act - Price Adjustment (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

\_\_\_\_ (5) 52.222-47, SCA Minimum Wages and Fringe Benefits Applicable to Successor Contract Pursuant to Predecessor Contractor Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

(d) *Comptroller General Examination of Record.* The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, and does not contain the clause at 52.215-2, Audit and Records-Negotiation.

(1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.

(2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR Subpart 4.7, Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.

(3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This does not require the Contractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.

(e) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this clause, the Contractor is not required to include any FAR

clause, other than those listed below (and as may be required by an addenda to this paragraph to establish the reasonableness of prices under Part 15), in a subcontract for commercial items or commercial components-

(1) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (E.O. 11246);

(2) 52.222-35, Affirmative Action for Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era (38 U.S.C. 2012(a));

(3) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (29 U.S.C. 793).

(4) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (46 U.S.C. 1241) (flow down not required for subcontracts awarded beginning May 1, 1996); and

(5) 52.222-41, Service Contract Act of 1965, As Amended (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

### 3. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS -- COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FAR 52.212-1) (OCT 2000) DEVIATION

(a) *North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code and small business size standard.* The NAICS code and small business size standard for this acquisition appear in Block 10 of the solicitation cover sheet (SF 1449). However, the small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, but which proposes to furnish an item which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.

(b) *Submission of offers.* Submit signed and dated offers to the office specified in this solicitation at or before the exact time specified in this solicitation. Offers may be submitted on the SF 1449, letterhead stationery, or as otherwise specified in the solicitation. As a minimum, offers must show--

- (1) The solicitation number;
- (2) The time specified in the solicitation for receipt of offers;
- (3) The name, address, and telephone number of the offeror;
- (4) A technical description of the items being offered in sufficient detail to evaluate compliance with the requirements in the solicitation. This may include product literature, or other documents, if necessary;
- (5) Terms of any express warranty;
- (6) Price and any discount terms;
- (7) "Remit to" address, if different than mailing address;
- (8) A completed copy of the representations and certifications at FAR 52.212-3;
- (9) Acknowledgment of Solicitation Amendments;
- (10) Past performance information, when included as an evaluation factor, to include recent and relevant contracts for the same or similar items and other references (including contract numbers, points of contact with telephone numbers and other relevant information); and
- (11) If the offer is not submitted on the SF 1449, include a statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation. Offers that fail to furnish required representations or information, or reject the terms and conditions of the solicitation may be excluded from consideration.

(c) *Period for acceptance of offers.* The offeror agrees to hold the prices in its offer firm for 30 calendar days from the date specified for receipt of offers, unless another time period is specified in an addendum to the solicitation.

(d) *Product samples.* When required by the solicitation, product samples shall be submitted at or prior to the time specified for receipt of offers.

Unless otherwise specified in this solicitation, these samples shall be submitted at no expense to the Government, and returned at the sender's request and expense, unless they are destroyed during preaward testing.

(e) *Multiple offers.* Offerors are encouraged to submit multiple offers presenting alternative terms and conditions or commercial items for satisfying the requirements of this solicitation. Each offer submitted will be evaluated separately.

(f) *Late submissions, modifications, revisions, and withdrawals of offers.*

(1) Offerors are responsible for submitting offers, and any modifications, revisions, or withdrawals, so as to reach the Government office designated in the solicitation by the time specified in the solicitation. If no time is specified in the solicitation, the time for receipt is 4:30 p.m., local time, for the designated Government office on the date that offers or revisions are due.

(2)(i) Any offer, modification, revision, or withdrawal of an offer received at the Government office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of offers is ``late'' and will not be considered unless it is received before award is made, the Contracting Officer determines that accepting the late offer would not unduly delay the acquisition; and--

(A) If it was transmitted through an electronic commerce method authorized by the solicitation, it was received at the initial point of entry to the Government infrastructure not later than 5:00 p.m. one working day prior to the date specified for receipt of offers; or

(B) There is acceptable evidence to establish that it was received at the Government installation designated for receipt of offers and was under the Government's control prior to the time set for receipt of offers; or

(C) If this solicitation is a request for proposals, it was the only proposal received.

(ii) However, a late modification of an otherwise successful offer, that makes its terms more favorable to the Government, will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.

(3) Acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the Government installation includes the time/date stamp of that installation on the offer wrapper, other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the installation, or oral testimony or statements of Government personnel.

(4) If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal Government processes so that offers cannot be received at the Government office designated for receipt of offers by the exact time specified in the solicitation, and urgent Government requirements preclude amendment of the solicitation or other notice of an extension of the closing date, the time specified for receipt of offers will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal Government processes resume.

(5) Offers may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before the exact time set for receipt of offers. Oral offers in response to oral solicitations may be withdrawn orally. If the solicitation authorizes facsimile offers, offers may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before the exact time set for receipt of offers, subject to the conditions specified in the solicitation concerning facsimile offers. An offer may be withdrawn in person by an offeror or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for receipt of offers, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the offer.

(g) *Contract award (not applicable to Invitation for Bids)*. The Government intends to evaluate offers and award a contract without discussions with offerors. Therefore, the offeror's initial offer should contain the offeror's best terms from a price and technical standpoint. However, the Government reserves the right to conduct discussions if later determined by the Contracting Officer to be necessary. The Government may reject any or all offers if such action is in the public interest; accept other than the lowest offer; and waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received.

(h) *Multiple awards*. The Government may accept any item or group of items of an offer, unless the offeror qualifies the offer by specific limitations. Unless otherwise provided in the Schedule, offers may not be submitted for quantities less than those specified. The Government reserves the right to make an award on any item for a quantity less than the quantity offered, at the unit prices offered, unless the offeror specifies otherwise in the offer.

(i) Availability of requirements documents cited in the solicitation.  
 (1)(i) The GSA Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions, FPMR Part 101-29, and copies of specifications, standards, and commercial item descriptions cited in this solicitation may be obtained for a fee by submitting a request to--

GSA Federal Supply Service Specifications Section,  
 Suite 8100,  
 470 East L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20407,  
 Telephone (202) 619-8925,  
 Facsimile (202) 619-8978.

(ii) If the General Services Administration, Department of Agriculture, or Department of Veterans Affairs issued this solicitation, a single copy of specifications, standards, and commercial item descriptions cited in this solicitation may be obtained free of charge by submitting a request to the addressee in paragraph (i)(1)(i) of this provision. Additional copies will be issued for a fee.

(2) The DoD Index of Specifications and Standards (DoDISS) and documents listed in it may be obtained from the--

Department of Defense Single Stock Point (DoDSSP),  
 Building 4, Section D,  
 700 Robbins Avenue,  
 Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094,  
 Telephone (215) 697- 2667/2179,  
 Facsimile (215) 697-1462.

(i) Automatic distribution may be obtained on a subscription basis.

(ii) Order forms, pricing information, and customer support information may be obtained--

(A) By telephone at (215) 697-2667/2179; or

(B) Through the DoDSSP Internet site at <http://assist.daps.mil>.

(3) Nongovernment (voluntary) standards must be obtained from the organization responsible for their preparation, publication, or maintenance.

(j) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number. (Applies to offers exceeding \$25,000.) The offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation ``DUNS'' followed by the DUNS number that identifies the offeror's name and address. If the offeror does not have a DUNS number, it should contact Dun and Bradstreet to obtain one at no charge. An offeror within the United States may call 1-800-333-0505. The offeror may obtain more information regarding the DUNS number, including locations of local Dun and Bradstreet Information Services offices for offerors located outside the United States, from the Internet home page at <http://www.customerservice@dnb.com>. If an offeror is unable to locate a local service center, it may send an e-mail to Dun and Bradstreet at [globalinfo@mail.dnb.com](mailto:globalinfo@mail.dnb.com).

#### **ADDENDUM 1:**

##### **PAST PERFORMANCE INFORMATION**

(a) Offerors shall submit the information requested below as part of their proposal for both the offeror and any proposed major subcontracts. The information may be submitted prior to other parts of the proposal, but no later than the closing date of the proposal, in order to assist the Government in reducing the evaluation period.

(b) Offerors shall submit a list of all or at least five (5) contracts and subcontracts completed in the last three (3) years, and all contracts and subcontracts currently in process, which are similar in nature to this requirement.

(1) The contracts and subcontracts listed may include those entered into with Federal, State and local governments, and commercial businesses, which are of similar scope, magnitude, relevance, and complexity to the requirement which is described in the RFP. Include the following information for each contract and subcontract listed:

- (a) Name of contracting activity.
- (b) Contract number.
- (c) Contract title.
- (d) Contract type.
- (e) Brief description of contract or subcontract and relevance to this requirement.
- (f) Total contract value.
- (g) Period of performance.
- (h) Contracting officer, telephone number, and E-mail address (if available).



(i) Program manager/project officer, telephone number, and E-mail address (if available).

(j) Administrative Contracting officer, if different from (h) above, telephone number, and E-mail address (if available).

(k) List of subcontractors (if applicable).

(l) Compliance with subcontracting plan goals for small disadvantaged business concerns, monetary targets for small disadvantaged business participation, and the notifications submitted under FAR 19.1202-4 (b), if applicable.

(c) Offerors should not provide general information on their performance on the identified contracts and subcontracts. General performance information will be obtained from the references.

(1) Offerors may provide information on problems encountered and corrective actions taken on the identified contracts and subcontracts.

(2) References that may be contacted by the Government include the contracting officer, program manager/project officer, or the administrative contracting officer identified above.

(3) If no response is received from a reference, the Government will make an attempt to contact another reference identified by the offeror, to contact a reference not identified by the offeror, or to complete the evaluation with those references who responded. The Government shall consider the information provided by the references, and may also consider information obtained from other sources, when evaluating an offeror's past performance.

(4) Attempts to obtain responses from references will generally not go beyond two telephonic messages and/or written requests from the Government, unless otherwise stated in the solicitation. The Government is not obligated to contact all of the references identified by the offeror.

(d) If negative feedback is received from an offeror's reference, the Government will compare the negative response to the responses from the offeror's other references to note differences. A score will be assigned appropriately to the offeror based on the information. The offeror will be given the opportunity to address adverse past performance information obtained from references on which the offeror has not had a previous opportunity to comment, if that information makes a difference in the Government's decision to include the offeror in or exclude the offeror from the competitive range. Any past performance deficiency or significant weakness will be discussed with offerors in the competitive range during discussions.

(e) Offerors must send Client Authorization Letters (see Attachment 5 of the solicitation) to each reference listed in their proposal to assist in the timely processing of the past performance evaluation. Offerors are encouraged to consolidate requests whenever possible (i.e., if the same reference has several contracts, send that reference a single notice citing all applicable contracts). Offerors may send Client Authorization Letters electronically to references with copies forwarded to the contracting officer.

(1) If an offeror has no relevant past performance history, an offeror must affirmatively state that it possesses no relevant past performance history.

(2) Client Authorization Letters should be mailed or E-mailed to individual references no later than three (3) working days after proposal submission. The offeror should forward a copy of the Client Authorization Letter to the contracting officer simultaneously with mailing to references.

(f) Each offeror may describe any quality awards or certifications that indicate the offeror possesses a high-quality process for developing and producing the product or service required. Such awards or certifications include, for example, the Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award, other Government quality awards, and private sector awards or certifications.

(1) Identify the segment of the company (one division or the entire company) which received the award or certification.

(2) Describe when the award or certification was bestowed. If the award or certification is over three years old, present evidence that the qualifications still apply.

(g) Past performance information will be used for both responsibility determinations and as an evaluation factor for award. The Past Performance Questionnaire identified in Attachment 6 will be used to collect information on an offeror's performance under existing and prior contracts/subcontracts for products or services similar in scope, magnitude, relevance, and complexity to this requirement in order to evaluate offerors consistent with the past performance evaluation factor set forth in FAR 52.212-2. References other than those identified by the offeror may be contacted by the Government and used in the evaluation of the offeror's past performance.

(h) Any information collected concerning an offeror's past performance will be maintained in the official contract file.

(i) In accordance with FAR 15.305 (a) (2) (iv), offerors with no relevant past performance history, or for whom information on past performance is not available, will be evaluated neither favorably nor unfavorably on past performance.

**ADDENDUM 2:**

For proposal preparation purposes, offerors may assume a contract start date of May 16, 2002.

**ADDENDUM 3:**

The following addresses are provided for submittal of proposals:

(a) US Postal Service Address:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Attention: Sandra Clark  
RTP Procurement Operations Division (D143-01)  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27711

(b) Courier or Hand Carried Address:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Attention: Sandra Clark

RTP Procurement Operations Division (D143-01)  
4930 Old Page Road  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

#### 4. EVALUATION -- COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FAR 52.212-2) (JAN 1999)

(a) The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered. The following factors shall be used to evaluate offers:

Past Performance  
Ability and Experience of Key Personnel  
Staffing Plan

Technical and past performance, when combined, are more important than cost. The technical evaluation criteria will be scored as follows:

##### 1. Past Performance (40 Points)

Demonstrated successful past performance of the offeror and any major subcontractors as evidenced by information gathered concerning the identified list of contracts and subcontracts completed during the past three years, and those currently in process for similar work. Work which would be considered similar includes: Institutional support cafeteria comparable in size and complexity to the services requested in this RFP. Specifically included should be where your firm has been engaged in what you consider to be your major manual food service(s); at least one should be comparable in size and complexity to the service(s) requested in this RFP and must demonstrate capabilities of cafeteria operation. That operation should be specifically identified. The offeror's past performance will be evaluated based on the information obtained through the Past Performance Questionnaire (see Attachment 6).

(Instructions: As discussed in the provision entitled "Past performance Information," offerors shall submit information on the five (5) most recent contracts and subcontracts completed during the past three years and all contracts and subcontracts currently in process for similar work. This should include information on five (5) contracts and subcontracts and may include similar contracts with Federal, State and local governments, as well as commercial businesses. Information should be provided as indicated in the provision.) (See 52.212-1, Addendum 1)

NOTE: As discussed in the provision entitled "Past Performance Information," if an offeror has no available past performance, a neutral rating of adequate (score = 3) will be assigned for the past performance criteria.

##### 2. Ability and Experience of Key Personnel (35 Points)

For all persons who are proposed as key persons, EPA will evaluate the degree to which the offeror presents evidence that their qualifications and experience meet the needs of the Agency with respect to the activities. This includes resumes and discussion in the proposal. The technical proposal shall include the qualifications and experience of the individual to serve as the Project Manager. The proposed Project Manager should have a minimum of five years of experience with responsible oversight of food service in the commercial

sector for similar size cafeteria operations.

**3. Staffing Plan (25 Points)**

Offerors must provide a staffing plan to demonstrate their ability to provide adequate staff to meet the requirements of the Statement of Work. EPA will place emphasis on the quality of the staff proposed to do the work required in this solicitation. This criterion applies equally to the prime and any subcontract staff. The staffing plan shall include the numbers of personnel to be assigned and labor mix (job classifications).

The offeror is encouraged to name as many specific proposed personnel as possible in the proposal. If the staff are not currently employed by the offeror, the specificity and effectiveness of the offeror's plan to hire them and bring them up to speed on the work will be evaluated. For staff not on board, letters of intent, or specific evidence of similar past successful staffing efforts or other evidence of the likelihood of successfully hiring them is highly desirable.

For all proposed personnel that the offeror specifically names, EPA will evaluate the degree to which they are likely to be available.

For all staff EPA will evaluate the degree to which the offeror presents evidence that their qualifications and experience meet the needs of the Agency in performing the Scope of Work requirement. The experience and qualifications of the proposed staff must be documented.

(b) *Options*. The Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. The Government may determine that an offer is unacceptable if the option prices are significantly unbalanced. Evaluation of options shall not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).

(c) A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer, mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer, shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. Before the offer's specified expiration time, the Government may accept an offer (or part of an offer), whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award.

**5. OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS -- COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FAR 52.212-3) (FEB 2002)**

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this provision:

"Emerging small business" means a small business concern whose size is no greater than 50 percent of the numerical size standard for the NAICS code designated.

"Forced or indentured child labor" means all work or service-

(1) Exacted from any person under the age of 18 under the menace of any penalty for its nonperformance and for which the worker does not offer himself voluntarily; or

(2) Performed by any person under the age of 18 pursuant to a contract the enforcement of which can be accomplished by process of penalties.

"Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern"-

(1) Means a small business concern-

(i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and

(ii) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of a veteran with permanent and severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran.

(2) Service-disabled veteran means a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2), with a disability that is service-connected, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

"Small business concern" means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR Part 121 and size standards in this solicitation.

"Veteran-owned small business concern" means a small business concern-

(1) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more veterans (as defined at 38 U.S.C. 101(2)) or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more veterans; and

(2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more veterans.

"Women-owned business concern" means a concern which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the its stock is owned by one or more women; and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or

more women.

"Women-owned small business concern" means a small business concern --

(1) That is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women; and

(2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

(b) *Taxpayer identification number (TIN)* (26 U.S.C. 6109, 31 U.S.C. 7701). (Not applicable if the offeror is required to provide this information to a central contractor registration database to be eligible for award.)

(1) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (b)(3) through (b)(5) of this provision to comply with debt collection requirements of 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) and 3325(d), reporting requirements of 26 U.S.C. 6041, 6041A, and 6050M, and implementing regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

(2) The TIN may be used by the government to collect and report on any delinquent amounts arising out of the offeror's relationship with the Government (31 U.S.C. 7701(c)(3)). If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in FAR 4.904, the TIN provided hereunder may be matched with IRS records to verify the accuracy of the offeror's TIN.]

(3) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

[ ] TIN:\_\_\_\_\_.

[ ] TIN has been applied for.

[ ] TIN is not required because:

[ ] Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States;

[ ] Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;

[ ] Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government;

(4) Type of organization.

[ ] Sole proprietorship;

[ ] Partnership;

[ ] Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);

[ ] Corporate entity (tax-exempt);

- ☐ Government entity (Federal, State, or local);
- ☐ Foreign government;
- ☐ International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

(5) Common parent.

- ☐ Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent:
- ☐ Name and TIN of common parent:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

TIN \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Offerors must complete the following representations when the resulting contract is to be performed inside the United States, its territories or possessions, Puerto Rico, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, or the District of Columbia. Check all that apply.

(1) *Small business concern.* The offeror represents as part of its offer that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a small business concern.

(2) *Veteran-owned small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.]* The offeror represents as part of its offer that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a veteran-owned small business concern.

(3) *Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a veteran-owned small business concern in paragraph (c)(2) of this provision.]* The offeror represents as part of its offer that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.

(4) *Small disadvantaged business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.]* The offeror represents, for general statistical purposes, that it ☐ is, ☐ is not, a small disadvantaged business concern as defined in 13 CFR 124.1002.

(5) *Women-owned small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.]* The offeror represents that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a women-owned small business concern.

**Note:** Complete paragraphs (c)(6) and (c)(7) only if this solicitation is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(6) *Women-owned business concern (other than small business concern). [Complete only if the offeror is a women-owned business concern and did not represent itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.]* The offeror represents that it ☐ is, a women-owned business



concern.

(7) *Tie bid priority for labor surplus area concerns.* If this is an invitation for bid, small business offerors may identify the labor surplus areas in which costs to be incurred on account of manufacturing or production (by offeror or first-tier subcontractors) amount to more than 50 percent of the contract price:

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(8) Small Business Size for the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program and for the Targeted Industry Categories under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program. *[Complete only if the offeror has represented itself to be a small business concern under the size standards for this solicitation.]*

(i) *[Complete only for solicitations indicated in an addendum as being set-aside for emerging small businesses in one of the four designated industry groups (DIGs).]* The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [ ]is, [ ]is not an emerging small business.

(ii) *[Complete only for solicitations indicated in an addendum as being for one of the targeted industry categories (TICs) or four designated industry groups (DIGs).]* Offeror represents as follows:

(A) Offeror's number of employees for the past 12 months (check the Employees column if size standard stated in the solicitation is expressed in terms of number of employees); or

(B) Offeror's average annual gross revenue for the last 3 fiscal years (check the Average Annual Gross Number of Revenues column if size standard stated in the solicitation is expressed in terms of annual receipts).

(Check one of the following):

<b>Number of Employees</b>	<b>Average Annual Gross Revenues</b>
___ 50 or fewer	___ \$1 million or less
___ 51-100	___ \$1,000,001-\$2 million
___ 101-250	___ \$2,000,001-\$3.5 million
___ 251-500	___ \$3,500,001-\$5 million
___ 501-750	___ \$5,000,001-\$10 million
___ 751-1,000	___ \$10,000,001-\$17 million
___ Over 1,000	___ Over \$17 million

(9) *[Complete only if the solicitation contains the clause at FAR 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns, or FAR 52.219-25, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program-Disadvantaged Status and Reporting, and the offeror desires a benefit based on its disadvantaged status.]*

(i) General. The offeror represents that either-

(A) It [ ]is, [ ]is not certified by the Small Business Administration as a small disadvantaged business concern and identified, on

the date of this representation, as a certified small disadvantaged business concern in the database maintained by the Small Business Administration (PRO-Net), and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its certification, and, where the concern is owned by one or more individuals claiming disadvantaged status, the net worth of each individual upon whom the certification is based does not exceed \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); or

(B) It [ ]has, [ ]has not submitted a completed application to the Small Business Administration or a Private Certifier to be certified as a small disadvantaged business concern in accordance with 13 CFR 124, Subpart B, and a decision on that application is pending, and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its application was submitted.

(ii) [ ] *Joint Ventures under the Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns.* The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that it is a joint venture that complies with the requirements in 13 CFR 124.1002(f) and that the representation in paragraph (c)(9)(i) of this provision is accurate for the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture. *[The offeror shall enter the name of the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture: \_\_\_\_\_.]*

(d) *Representations required to implement provisions of Executive Order 11246 --*(1) Previous contracts and compliance. The offeror represents that --

(i) It [ ]has, [ ]has not, participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Equal Opportunity clause of this solicitation; and

(ii) It [ ]has, [ ]has not, filed all required compliance reports.

(2) Affirmative Action Compliance. The offeror represents that --

(i) It [ ]has developed and has on file, [ ]has not developed and does not have on file, at each establishment, affirmative action programs required by rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR parts 60-1 and 60-2), or

(ii) It [ ]has not previously had contracts subject to the written affirmative action programs requirement of the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor.

(e) *Certification Regarding Payments to Influence Federal Transactions (31 U.S.C. 1352).* (Applies only if the contract is expected to exceed \$100,000.) By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with the award of any resultant contract.

(f) *Buy American Act - Balance of Payments Program Certificate.* (Applies only if the clause at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.225-1, Buy

American Act--Balance of Payments Program--Supplies, is included in this solicitation.)

(1) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (f)(2) of this provision, is a domestic end product (as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act - Balance of Payments Program--Supplies") and that the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States. The offeror shall list as foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products.

(2) Foreign End Products:

LINE ITEM NO.	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
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*[List as necessary]*

(3) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25.

(g)(1) *Buy American Act -- North American Free Trade Agreement -- Israeli Trade Act -- Balance of Payments Program Certificate.* (Applies only if the clause at FAR 52.225-3, Buy American Act - North American Free Trade Agreement Israeli Trade Act -- Balance of Payments Program, is included in this solicitation.)

(i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) or (g)(1)(iii) of this provision, is a domestic end product as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act -- North American Free Trade Agreement Israeli Trade Act -- Balance of Payments Program" and that the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States.

(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are NAFTA country end products or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act-North American Free Trade Agreement-Israeli Trade Act-Balance of Payments Program":

NAFTA Country or Israeli End Products:

LINE ITEM NO.	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
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*[List as necessary]*

(iii) The offeror shall list those supplies that are foreign end products (other than those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) or this provision) as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act-North American Free Trade Agreement-Israeli Trade Act-Balance of Payments Program." The offeror shall list as other foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products.

Other Foreign End Products:

LINE ITEM NO.	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
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*[List as necessary]*

(iv) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25.

(2) *Buy American Act-North American Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act-Balance of Payments Program Certificate, Alternate I (Feb 2000)*. If Alternate I to the clause at FAR 52.225-3 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:

(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Canadian end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act-North American Free Trade Agreement-Israeli Trade Act-Balance of Payments Program":

Canadian End Products

Line Item No.
_____
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*[List as necessary]*

(3) *Buy American Act-North American Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act-Balance of Payments Program Certificate, Alternate II (Feb 2000)*. If Alternate II to the clause at FAR 52.225-3 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:

(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Canadian end products or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreement--Israeli Trade Act--Balance of Payments Program":

## Canadian or Israeli End Products

LINE ITEM NO.	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
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[List as necessary]

(4) *Trade Agreements Certificate*. (Applies only if the clause at FAR 52.225-5, Trade Agreements, is included in this solicitation.)

(i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(4)(ii) of this provision, is a U.S.-made, designated country, Caribbean Basin country, or NAFTA country end product, as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Trade Agreements."

(ii) The offeror shall list as other end products those end products that are not U.S.-made, designated country, Caribbean Basin country, or NAFTA country end products.

## Other End Products

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[List as necessary]

(iii) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25. For line items subject to the Trade Agreements Act, the Government will evaluate offers of U.S.-made, designated country, Caribbean Basin country, or NAFTA country end products without regard to the restrictions of the Buy American Act or the Balance of Payments Program. The Government will consider for award only offers of U.S.-made, designated country, Caribbean Basin country, or NAFTA country end products unless the Contracting Officer determines that there are no offers for such products or that the offers for such products are insufficient to fulfill the requirements of the solicitation.

(h) *Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension or Ineligibility for Award (Executive Order 12549)*. (Applies only if the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.) The offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the offeror and/or any of its principals--

(1) [ ]Are, [ ]are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency; and

(2) ☐ Have, ☐ have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and

(3) ☐ Are, ☐ are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses.

(i) *Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products (Executive Order 13126). [The Contracting Officer must list in paragraph (i)(1) any end products being acquired under this solicitation that are included in the List of Products Requiring Contractor Certification as to Forced or Indentured Child Labor, unless excluded at 22.1503(b).]*

(1) *Listed End Product*

Listed End Product	Listed Countries of Origin:
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(2) *Certification. [If the Contracting Officer has identified end products and countries of origin in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision, then the offeror must certify to either (i)(2)(i) or (i)(2)(ii) by checking the appropriate block.]*

☐ (i) The offeror will not supply any end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product.

☐ (ii) The offeror may supply an end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product. The offeror certifies that it has made a good faith effort to determine whether forced or indentured child labor was used to mine, produce, or manufacture any such end product furnished under this contract. On the basis of those efforts, the offeror certifies that it is not aware of any such use of child labor.

ATTACHMENT 1

ADDENDUM TO FAR CLAUSE 52.212-4

**1. NOTICE Listing Contract Clauses Incorporated by Reference****NOTICE:**

The following solicitation provisions and/or contract clauses pertinent to this addendum are hereby incorporated by reference:

**FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 1)**

NUMBER	DATE	TITLE
52.228-5	JAN 1997	INSURANCE--WORK ON A GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION
52.237-1	APR 1984	SITE VISIT

**2. PHYSICAL SECURITY**

Security services are provided under contract to EPA: however, the contractor shall be responsible for the reasonable safeguarding of all Government property within the contractors' work area. At the end of each work period, facilities and equipment shall be secured.

**3. FIXED RATE FOR SERVICES**

Independently, and not as an agent of the Government, the Licensee shall (as noted herein) provide all labor, supervision, and equipment/materials, excepted as provided in the schedule, necessary to perform the cafeteria services as set forth in Attachment 1 - Statement of Work (SOW), at the ERC facility located in the Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

<u>CLIN</u>	<u>CLIN DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>EXTENDED TOTAL</u>
<u>BASE PERIOD</u>					
0001	Cafeteria Services in accordance with the SOW (period of performance 5/16/02-11/30/02)	6.5	Months	\$ _____	\$ _____
<u>OPTION I</u>					
0002	Cafeteria Services in accordance with the SOW (period of performance 12/1/02-12/31/02)	1	Months	\$ _____	\$ _____
<u>OPTION II</u>					
0003	Cafeteria Services in accordance with the SOW (period of performance	1	Months	\$ _____	\$ _____



1/1/03-1/31/03)

#### **4. CONSIDERATION AND PAYMENT**

(a) Payment shall be made monthly in arrears for services performed during the preceding month at the fixed-price rate stated in the "Fixed Rate for Services" clause.

(b) If, as a result of contract award, services commence on a date other than the first of the month, the amount due for the first month's services shall be determined by dividing the fixed-price monthly rate by 30 and multiplying that figure by the number of days remaining in the month.

#### **5. REQUIREMENTS FOR COST OR PRICING DATA OR INFORMATION OTHER THAN COST OR PRICING DATA (FAR 52.215-20) (OCT 1997)**

(a) Exceptions from cost or pricing data. (1) In lieu of submitting cost or pricing data, offerors may submit a written request for exception by submitting the information described in the following subparagraphs. The Contracting Officer may require additional supporting information, but only to the extent necessary to determine whether an exception should be granted, and whether the price is fair and reasonable.

(i) Identification of the law or regulation establishing the price offered. If the price is controlled under law by periodic rulings, reviews, or similar actions of a governmental body, attach a copy of the controlling document, unless it was previously submitted to the contracting office.

(ii) Commercial item exception. For a commercial item exception, the offeror shall submit, at a minimum, information on prices at which the same item or similar items have previously been sold in the commercial market that is adequate for evaluating the reasonableness of the price for this acquisition. Such information may include--

(A) For catalog items, a copy of or identification of the catalog and its date, or the appropriate pages for the offered items, or a statement that the catalog is on file in the buying office to which the proposal is being submitted. Provide a copy or describe current discount policies and price lists (published or unpublished), e.g., wholesale, original equipment manufacturer, or reseller. Also explain the basis of each offered price and its relationship to the established catalog price, including how the proposed price relates to the price of recent sales in quantities similar to the proposed quantities;

(B) For market-priced items, the source and date or period of the market quotation or other basis for market price, the base amount, and applicable discounts. In addition, describe the nature of the market;

(C) For items included on an active Federal Supply Service Multiple Award Schedule contract, proof that an exception has been granted for the schedule item.

(2) The offeror grants the Contracting Officer or an authorized

representative the right to examine, at any time before award, books, records, documents, or other directly pertinent records to verify any request for an exception under this provision, and the reasonableness of price. For items priced using catalog or market prices, or law or regulation, access does not extend to cost or profit information or other data relevant solely to the offeror's determination of the prices to be offered in the catalog or marketplace.

(b) Requirements for cost or pricing data. If the offeror is not granted an exception from the requirement to submit cost or pricing data, the following applies:

(1) The offeror shall prepare and submit cost or pricing data and supporting attachments in accordance with Table 15-2 of FAR 15.408.

(2) As soon as practicable after agreement on price, but before contract award (except for unpriced actions such as letter contracts), the offeror shall submit a Certificate of Current Cost or Pricing Data, as prescribed by FAR 15.406-2.

**6. OPTION TO EXTEND SERVICES (FAR 52.217-8) (NOV 1999)**

The Government may require continued performance of any services within the limits and at the rates specified in the contract. These rates may be adjusted only as a result of revisions to prevailing labor rates provided by the Secretary of Labor. The option provision may be exercised more than once, but the total extension of performance hereunder shall not exceed 6 months. The Contracting Officer may exercise the option by written notice to the Contractor within thirty (30) days of the period of performance.

**7. SERVICE OF PROTEST (FAR 52.233-2) (AUG 1996)**

(a) Protests, as defined in Section 33.101 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, that are filed directly with an agency, and copies of any protests that are filed with the General Accounting Office (GAO) shall be served on the Contracting Officer (addressed as follows) by obtaining written and dated acknowledgement of receipt from:

Lauranne M. Vogel

Hand-Carried Address:

Environmental Protection Agency  
Attention: Sandra Clark  
RTP Procurement Operations Division (D143-01)  
4930 Old Page Road  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

Mailing Address:

Environmental Protection Agency  
Attention: Sandra Clark  
RTP Procurement Operations Division (D143-01)  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27711

(b) The copy of any protest shall be received in the office designated above

within one day of filing a protest with the GAO.

**8. CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FAR 52.252-2) (FEB 1998)**

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

<http://www.arnet.gov/far/>

**9. AUTHORIZED DEVIATIONS IN CLAUSES (FAR 52.252-6) (APR 1984)**

(a) The use in this solicitation or contract of any Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 1) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "DEVIATION" after the date of the clause.

(b) The use in this solicitation or contract of any Environmental Protection Agency (48 CFR Chapter 15) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "DEVIATION" after the name of the regulation.

**10. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS (EPAAR 1552.215-72) (AUG 1999)**

(a) Other than cost proposal instructions.

(1) Submit proposal for other than cost factors as a separate part of the total proposal package. Omit all cost or pricing details from this proposal.

(2) Special proposal instructions:

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(b) Cost or pricing proposal instructions. The offeror shall prepare and submit cost or pricing information data and supporting attachments in accordance with Table 15-2 of FAR 15.408. In addition to a hard copy of the information, to expedite review of the proposal, submit a 3.5" high density IBM-compatible formatted computer disk containing the financial data required, if this information is available using a commercial spreadsheet program on a personal computer. Submit this information using LOTUS 1-2-3, if available. Identify which version of LOTUS used. If the offeror used another spreadsheet program, indicate the software program used to create this information. Offerors should include the formulas and factors used in calculating the financial data. Although submission of a computer disk will expedite review, failure to submit a disk will not affect consideration of the proposal.

(1) General--Submit cost or pricing information prepared in accordance with FAR Table 15-2, Instructions for Submitting Cost/Price Proposals When

Cost or Pricing Information Are Required and the following:

(i) Clearly identify separate cost or pricing information associated with any:

(A) Options to extend the term of the contract;

(B) Options for the Government to order incremental quantities;  
and/or

(C) Major tasks, if required by the special instructions.

(ii) If the contract schedule includes a "Fixed Rate for Services" clause, please provide in the cost proposal a schedule duplicating the format in the clause and include proposed fixed hourly rates per labor category for the base and any optional contract periods.

(iii) If the contract includes the clause at EPAAR 1552.232-73 "Payments--Fixed-Rate Services Contract," or the clause at FAR 52.232-7, "Payments Under Time and Materials and Labor-Hour Contracts," include in the cost proposal the estimated costs and burden rate to be applied to materials, other direct costs, or subcontracts. The Government will include these costs as part of its cost proposal evaluation.

(iv) If other divisions, subsidiaries, a parent or affiliated companies will perform work, provide the name and location of such affiliate and offeror's intercompany pricing policy. Separately identify costs and supporting data for each entity proposed.

(v) The realism of costs, including personnel compensation rates (including effective hourly rates due to uncompensated overtime) will be part of the proposal evaluation. Any reductions to proposed costs or differences between proposed and known EPA/DCAA recommended rates must be fully explained. If an offeror makes a reduction which makes its offer or portions of its offer below anticipated costs, the offeror shall identify where (i.e., which elements of costs) the proposed reductions will be made. Unsubstantiated rates may result in an upward or downward adjustment of the cost proposals to reflect more realistic costs. Based on this analysis, a projected cost for the offeror will be calculated to reflect the Government's estimate of the offeror's probable costs. Any inconsistency, whether real or apparent, between the promised performance and cost or price should be explained. The burden of proof for cost credibility rests with the offeror.

## (2) Direct Labor.

(i) The direct technical labor hours (level-of-effort) appearing in the solicitation are for professional and technical labor only. These hours do not include management at a level higher than project management, e.g., corporate and day-to-day management, nor do they include clerical and support staff at a level lower than technician. If it is the offeror's normal practice to charge these types of costs as direct costs, include these costs along with an estimate of the directly chargeable labor-hours for these personnel. These direct charges are to be shown separately from the technical (level-of-effort) effort. If this type of effort is normally included in the offeror's indirect cost allocations, no estimate is required. However, direct charging of these on any resulting contract will not be allowed. Additionally the direct

technical labor hours are the workable hours required by the Government and do not include release time (i.e., holidays, vacation, etc.) Submit the proposal utilizing the labor categories and distribution of the level-of-effort specified in the solicitation. These are approximate distribution levels and do not necessarily represent the actual levels which may be experienced during contract performance.

(ii) Explain the basis of the proposed labor rates, including a complete justification for all judgmental factors used to develop weights applied to company's category or individual rates that comprise the rates for labor categories specified in the solicitation. This explanation should describe how technical approach coincides with the proposed costs. If the proposed direct labor rates are based on an average of the individuals proposed to work on the contract, provide a list of the individuals proposed and the hours associated with each individual in deriving the rates. If the proposed direct labor rates are based on an average of company category rates, identify and describe the labor categories and the percentages associated with each category in deriving the rates, explaining in detail the basis for the percentages assigned.

(iii) Describe for each labor category proposed, the company's qualifications and experience requirements. If individual rates are used, provide the employee's name. If specific individuals are identified in the technical proposal, correlate these individuals with the labor categories specified in the solicitation.

(iv) Provide a matrix summarizing the effort proposed, including the subcontracts, by professional and technical level specified in the solicitation.

(v) Indicate whether current rates or escalated rates are used. If escalation is included, state the degree (percent) and methodology. The methodology shall include the effective date of the base rates and the policy on salary reviews (e.g. anniversary date of employee or salary reviews for all employees on a specific date).

(vi) State whether any additional direct labor (new hire or temporary hires) will be required during the performance period of this acquisition. If so, state the number required, the professional or technical level and the methodology used to estimate proposed labor rates.

(vii) With respect to educational institutions, include the following information for those professional staff members whose salary is expected to be covered by a stipulated salary support agreement pursuant to OMB Circular A-21.

(A) Individual's name;

(B) Annual salary and the period for which the salary is applicable;

(C) List of other research Projects or proposals for which salaries are allocated, and the proportionate time charged to each; and

(D) Other duties, such as teaching assignments, administrative assignments, and other institutional activities. Show the proportionate time

charged to each. (Show proportionate time charges as a percentage of 100% of time for the entire academic year, exclusive of vacation or sabbatical leave.)

(viii) Uncompensated overtime. The decision to propose uncompensated overtime is the offeror's decision. Should the offeror, however, elect to propose uncompensated overtime, the offeror must propose a methodology that is consistent with their cost accounting practices and company policy. If proposed, provide an estimate of any uncompensated overtime proposed for exempt personnel working at the offeror's facilities. This estimate should identify the number of uncompensated labor hours and the percentage of compensated labor. Uncompensated labor hours are defined as hours for exempt personnel in excess of regular hours for a pay period which are actually worked and recorded in accordance with company policy. Provide a copy of the company policy on uncompensated overtime. Provide historical percentages of uncompensated overtime for the past three years. If proposed for subcontractors, provide separately with subcontractor information.

(ix) For labor rate contracts, for each fixed labor rate, offerors shall identify the basis for the loaded fixed hourly rate for each contract period for example, the rate might consist of the following cost elements: raw wage or salary rate, plus fringe benefits (if applicable), plus overhead rate (if applicable), plus G&A expense rate (if applicable), plus profit. When determining the composite raw wage for a labor category, the offeror shall:

(A) provide in narrative form the basis for the raw wage for each labor category. If actual wages of current employees are used, the basis for the projections should be explained.

(B) If employees are subject to the Service Contract Act or Davis Bacon Act, they must be compensated at least at the minimum wage rate required by the applicable Wage Determination.

(3) Indirect costs (fringe, overhead, general, and administrative expenses).

(i) If the rates have been recently approved, include a copy of the rate agreement. If the agreement does not cover the projected performance period of the proposed effort, provide the rationale and any estimated rate calculations for the proposed performance period.

(ii) Submit supporting documentation for rates which have not been approved or audited. Indicate whether computations are based upon historical or projected data.

(iii) Provide actual pool expenses, base dollars, or hours (as applicable for the past five years). Include the actual indirect rates for the past five years including the indirect rates proposed, the actual indirect rates experienced and, if available, the final negotiated rate. Indicate the amount of unallowable costs included in the historical data.

(iv) Offerors who propose indirect rates for new or substantially reorganized cost centers should consider offering to accept ceilings on the indirect rates at the proposed rates. Similarly, offerors whose subcontractors propose indirect rates for new or substantially reorganized cost centers

should likewise consider offering to accept ceilings on the subcontractors' indirect rates at the proposed rates.

Note to paragraph (b)(3)(iv): The Government reserves the right to adjust an offeror's or its subcontractor's estimated indirect costs for evaluation purposes based on the **Agency's** judgment of the most probable costs up to the amount of any stated ceiling.

(v) If the employees are subject to the Service Contract Act or Davis Bacon Act, employees must receive the minimum level of benefits stated in the applicable Wage Determination.

(4) Travel expense.

(i) If the solicitation specifies the amount of travel costs, this amount is exclusive of any applicable indirect costs and fee.

(ii) If the solicitation does not specify the amount of travel costs, attach a schedule illustrating how travel was computed. Include a breakdown indicating number of trips, number of travelers, destinations from and to, purpose and cost, e.g., mileage, transportation costs, subsistence rates.

(5) Equipment, facilities and special equipment, including tooling.

(i) If direct charges for use of existing contractor equipment are proposed, provide a description of these items, including estimated usage hours, rates, and total costs.

(ii) If equipment purchases are proposed, provide a description of these items, and a justification as to why the Government should furnish the equipment or allow its purchase with contract funds. (Unless specified elsewhere in this solicitation, FAR 45.302-1 requires contractors to furnish all facilities in performance of contracts with certain limited exceptions.)

(iii) Identify Government-owned property in the possession of the offeror or proposed to be used in the performance of the contract, and the Government **agency** which has cognizance over the property.

(iv) Submit proposed rates or use charges for equipment, along with documentation to support those rates.

(v) If special purposes facilities or equipment are being proposed, provide a description of these items, details for the proposed costs including competitive prices, and justification as to why the Government should furnish the equipment or allow its purchase with contract funds.

(vi) If fabrication by the prime contractor is contemplated, include details of material, labor, and overhead.

(6) Other Direct Costs (ODC).

(i) If the solicitation specifies the amount of other direct costs, this amount is exclusive of any applicable indirect cost and fee.

(ii) If the amount is not specified in the solicitation, attach a schedule detailing how other direct costs were computed. Identify the major

ODC items that under the accounting system would be a direct charge on any resulting contract.

(iii) If any of the cost elements identified as part of the specified other direct costs are recovered as an indirect cost, in accordance with the offeror's accounting system, those costs should not be included as a direct cost. Complete explanation of this adjustment and the contractor's practice should be provided.

(iv) Provide historical other direct costs dollars per level of effort hour on similar contracts or work assignments.

(7) Team Subcontracts. When the cost of a subcontract is substantial (5 percent of the total estimated contract dollar value or \$100,000, whichever is less), the offeror shall include the following subcontractor information:

(i) Provide details of subcontract costs in the same format as the prime contractor's costs. This detailed information may be provided separately to the EPA if the subcontractor does not wish to provide this data to the prime contractor. Cost data provided separately by a contractor must be received by the time, date and at the location specified for the receipt of proposals. The subcontractor's package should be clearly marked with the RFP number, the name of the prime offeror, and a statement that the package is subcontractor data relevant to the proposal from the prime offeror. If submitted with the prime contractor's proposal, identify the subcontractors. State the amount of service estimated to be required and the quoted daily or hourly rate. Offerors are encouraged to provide letters of intent, signed by subcontractors, agreeing to a specified rate for life of the contract. Include a cost or price analysis of the subcontractor cost showing the reasons why the costs are considered reasonable;

(ii) Describe how the prospective team subcontractors were chosen as part of the offeror's proposed team; and rationale for selection;

(iii) Describe the necessity for the subcontractor's effort as either a supplement or complement to the offeror's in-house expertise;

(iv) Identify the areas of the scope of work and the level of effort the subcontractors are anticipated to perform. Provide a reconciliation summary of the proposed hours and ODCs for the prime contractor and proposed subcontractor(s).

(v) Describe the prime contractor's management structure and internal controls to ensure efficient and quality performance of team subcontractors.

(8) Facilities Capital Cost of Money (FCCM). When an offeror elects to claim FCCM as an allowable cost, the offeror must submit Form CASB-CNF and show calculation of the proposed amount. FCCM will be an allowable cost under the contemplated contract, if the criteria for allowability at FAR 31.205-10(a)(2) are met.

# **11. PREPROPOSAL SITE VISIT**

EPA will conduct a preproposal site visit at 8:30 a.m. on April 10, 2002 at:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



Environmental Research Center, Room D102  
86 T.W. Alexander Drive  
Research Triangle Park, NC

Offerors planning to attend the site visit should provide written notification to the contract specialist at least one (1) calendar day prior to the site visit date. Please notify the following individual of intent to attend the site visit:

Sandra Clark, Contract Specialist  
E-mail address: clark.sandra@epa.gov  
Telephone: 919-541-2213

Maps and directions for the preproposal site visit can be located at [http://www.epa.gov/oam/rtp\\_cmd](http://www.epa.gov/oam/rtp_cmd).

**12. NOTICE OF FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR AGENCY PROTESTS (EPAAR 1552.233-70) (JUL 1999)**

Agency protests must be filed with the Contracting Officer in accordance with the requirements of FAR 33.103(d) and (e). Within 10 calendar days after receipt of an adverse Contracting Officer decision, the protester may submit a written request for an independent review by the Head of the Contracting Activity. This independent review is available only as an appeal of a Contracting Officer decision on a protest. Accordingly, as provided in 4 CFR 21.2(a)(3), any protest to the GAO must be filed within 10 days of knowledge of the initial adverse Agency action.

**13. KEY PERSONNEL (EPAAR 1552.237-72) (APR 1984)**

(a) The Contractor shall assign to this contract the following key personnel:

Project Manager

(b) During the first ninety (90) calendar days of performance, the Contractor shall make no substitutions of key personnel unless the substitution is necessitated by illness, death, or termination of employment. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer within 15 calendar days after the occurrence of any of these events and provide the information required by paragraph (c) below. After the initial ninety (90) calendar day period, the Contractor shall submit the information required by paragraph (c) to the Contracting Officer at least 15 calendar days prior to making any permanent substitutions.

(c) The Contractor shall provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances necessitating the proposed substitutions, complete resumes for the proposed substitutes, and any additional information requested by the Contracting Officer. Proposed substitutes should have comparable qualifications to those of the persons being replaced. The Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor within 15 calendar days after receipt of all required information of the decision on substitutions. This clause will be modified to reflect any approved changes of key personnel.

**14. GOVERNMENT - CONTRACTOR RELATIONS (EPAAR 1552.237-76) (JUL 1999)**

(a) The Government and the Contractor understand and agree that the services to be delivered under this contract by the contractor to the Government are non-personal services and the parties recognize and agree that no employer-employee relation-ship exists or will exist under the contract between the Government and the Contractor's personnel. It is, therefore, in the best interest of the Government to afford both parties a full understanding of their respective obligations.

(b) Contractor personnel under this contract shall not:

(1) Be placed in a position where they are under the supervision, direction, or evaluation of a Government employee.

(2) Be placed in a position of command, supervision, administration or control over Government personnel, or over personnel of other Contractors under other EPA contracts, or become a part of the Government organization.

(3) Be used in administration or supervision of Government procurement activities.

(C) Employee Relationship:

(1) The services to be performed under this contract do not require the Contractor or his/her personnel to exercise personal judgment and discretion on behalf of the Government. Rather the Contractor's personnel will act and exercise personal judgment and discretion on behalf of the Contractor.

(2) Rules, regulations, directives, and requirements that are issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under its responsibility for good order, administration, and security are applicable to all personnel who enter the Government installation or who travel on Government transportation. This is not to be construed or interpreted to establish any degree of Government control that is inconsistent with a non-personal services contract.

(d) Inapplicability of Employee Benefits: This contract does not create an employer-employee relationship. Accordingly, entitlements and benefits applicable to such relationships do not apply.

(1) Payments by the Government under this contract are not subject to Federal income tax withholdings.

(2) Payments by the Government under this contract are not subject to the Federal Insurance Contributions Act.

(3) The Contractor is not entitled to unemployment compensation benefits under the Social Security Act, as amended, by virtue of performance of this contract.

(4) The Contractor is not entitled to workman's compensation benefits by virtue of this contract.

(5) The entire consideration and benefits to the Contractor for performance of this contract is contained in the provisions for payment under

this contract.

(e) Notice. It is the Contractor's, as well as, the Government's responsibility to monitor contract activities and notify the Contracting Officer if the Contractor believes that the intent of this clause has been or may be violated.

(1) The Contractor should notify the Contracting Officer in writing promptly, within ten (10) calendar days from the date of any incident that the Contractor considers to constitute a violation of this clause. The notice should include the date, nature and circumstance of the conduct, the name, function and activity of each Government employee or Contractor official or employee involved or knowledgeable about such conduct, identify any documents or substance of any oral communication involved in the conduct, and the estimate in time by which the Government must respond to this notice to minimize cost, delay or disruption of performance.

(2) The Contracting Officer will promptly, within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of notice, respond to the notice in writing. In responding, the Contracting Officer will either:

(i) confirm that the conduct is in violation and when necessary direct the mode of further performance,

(ii) countermand any communication regarded as a violation,

(iii) deny that the conduct constitutes a violation and when necessary direct the mode of further performance; or

(iv) in the event the notice is inadequate to make a decision, advise the Contractor what additional information is required, and establish the date by which it should be furnished by the Contractor and the date thereafter by which the Government will respond.

**15. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVES (EP 52.242-100) (AUG 1984)**

Project Officer(s) for this contract:

Project Officer:

TO BE IDENTIFIED AT TIME OF CONTRACT AWARD

Contract Specialist(s) responsible for administering this contract:

Administrative Contracting Officer:

TO BE IDENTIFIED AT TIME OF CONTRACT AWARD

**16. GOVERNMENT PROPERTY (EPAAR 1552.245-73) (OCT 2000) DEVIATION**

(a) The contractor shall not fabricate or acquire, on behalf of the Government, either directly or indirectly through a subcontract, any item of

property without written approval from the Contracting officer.

(b) In accordance with paragraph (a) above, the contractor is authorized to acquire and/or fabricate the equipment listed below for use in the performance of this contract. The equipment is subject to the provisions of the "Government Property" clause.

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(c) The Government will provide the following item(s) of Government property to the contractor for use in the performance of this contract. This property shall be used and maintained by the contractor in accordance with the provisions of the "Government Property" clause.

See Attachment 3.

(d) The "EPA Contract Property Administration Requirements" provided below apply to this contract.

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Property Administration Requirements (PAR)**

**1. PURPOSE.** This document sets forth the requirements for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) contractors in the performance of their Government property management responsibilities under contracts with EPA. These requirements supplement those contained in the Government property clause(s) in this contract, and part 45 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).

**2. DELEGATION OF CONTRACT PROPERTY ADMINISTRATION.** EPA has delegated much of its contract property management oversight to the Defense Contract Management Command (DCMC). Shortly after award of a contract, the EPA contracting officer (CO) delegates the functions of property administration and plant clearance (disposal) for the contract to DCMC. Upon acceptance of that delegation, DCMC will provide notification to the contractor, identifying the assigned property administrator (PA) and plant clearance officer (PLCO). If the contract is not delegated to DCMC for administration, any reference to PA and PLCO throughout this document shall be construed to mean CO. The DCMC PA is available to the contractor for assistance in all matters of property administration. Notwithstanding the delegation, as necessary, the contractor may contact their EPA CO. In the event of disagreement between the contractor and the DCMC PA, the contractor should seek resolution from the CO. Unless otherwise directed in the contract, or this document, all originals of written information or reports, except direct correspondence between the contractor and the DCMC PA, relative to Government property, should be forwarded to the administrative CO assigned to this contract.

**3. REQUESTS FOR GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.**

a. In accordance with FAR 45.102, the contractor shall furnish all property required for performing Government contracts. If a contractor believes that Government facilities are required for performance of the contract, the contractor shall submit a written request to the CO. At a minimum, the request shall contain the following elements:

1. Contract number for which the facilities are required.

2. An item(s) description, quantity and estimated cost.
3. Certification that no like contractor facilities exist which could be utilized.
4. A detailed description of the task-related purpose of the facilities.
5. Explanation of negative impact if facilities are not provided by the Government.
6. If applicable, recommend the exception under FAR 45.302-1(a) or any applicable EPA class deviation (available upon request), and provide any other information which would support the furnishing of facilities, including contractor-acquired property (CAP).
7. Except when the request is for material, a lease versus purchase analysis shall be furnished with the request to acquire property on behalf of the Government.

**The contractor may not proceed with acquisition of facilities on behalf of the Government until receipt of written authorization from the EPA CO.**

**4. TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.** When the contractor receives Government-furnished property (GFP), the contractor should receive, from the transferor, (either EPA or another contractor) all of the applicable data elements (Attachment 1 of this clause) needed to maintain the required records. If this information is not provided at the time of receipt of the property, the contractor shall request it from the EPA CO. The CO will attempt to obtain the data from the previous property holder, or, if data does not exist, will assist the current property holder in estimating the elements. Prior to signing an acceptance document for the property, the receiving contractor should perform a complete inventory of the property. Responsibility, as well as accountability, passes with the signed acceptance.

When, at the written direction of the EPA CO, the contractor transfers GFP to another contractor, or another Agency, the contractor shall provide the applicable data elements (Attachment 1 of this clause). Upon return of the property to EPA, the same data must be provided by the contractor to the EPA CO.

**5. RECORDS OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.**

a. In accordance with FAR 45.505 and 45.505-1, the contractor shall establish and maintain adequate property records for all Government property, regardless of value, including property provided to and in the possession of a subcontractor. Material (supplies) provided by the Government or acquired by the contractor and billed as a direct charge to the Government is Government property and records must be established as such.

b. The contractor shall establish and maintain the official Government property record. (If the contract contains the FAR Clause 52.245-1, the Government will maintain the official Government property records.) Such records shall contain the applicable data elements (Attachment 1 of this clause) **for all items of Government property regardless of cost.**

c. The Contractor shall identify all Superfund property and designate it as such both on the item and on the official Government property record. If it is not practicable to tag the item, the contractor shall write the ID number on a tag, card or other entity that may be kept with the item or in a file.

d. Support documentation used for posting entries to the property record shall provide complete, current and auditable data. Entries shall be posted to the record in a timely manner following an action.

e. For Government vehicles, in addition to the data elements required by EPA, the contractor shall also comply with the General Services Administration (GSA) and Department of Energy (DOE) record and report requirements supplied with all EPA provided motor vehicles. If the above requirements were not provided with the vehicle, the contractor shall notify the EPA CO.

f. When Government property is disclosed to be in the possession or control of the contractor but not provided under any contract, the contractor shall record and report the property in accordance with FAR 45.502(f) and (h).

**6. INVENTORIES OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.** The contractor shall conduct a complete physical inventory of EPA property at least once per year, unless otherwise directed by the PA. Reconciliation shall be completed within 30 calendar days of inventory completion. The contractor shall report the results of the inventory, including any discrepancies, to the DCMC PA upon completion of the reconciliation. The contractor's records shall indicate the completion date of the inventory.

See section 9 herein, Contract Closeout, for information on final inventories.

**7. REPORTS OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.** In accordance with FAR 45.505-14, EPA requires an annual summary report, for each contract, by contract number, of Government property in the contractor's possession as of September 30 each year.

a. For each classification listed in FAR 45.505-14(a), except material, the contractor shall provide the total acquisition cost and total quantity. If there are zero items in a classification, or if there is an ending balance of zero, the classification must be listed with zeros in the quantity and acquisition cost columns.

b. For material, the contractor shall provide the total acquisition cost only.

c. Property classified as facilities, special tooling, special test equipment, and agency peculiar must be reported on two separate lines. The first line shall include the total acquisition cost and quantity of all items or systems with a unit acquisition cost of \$25,000 or more. The second line shall include the total acquisition cost and quantity of all items with a unit acquisition cost of less than \$25,000.

d. For items comprising a system, which is defined as ``a group of interacting items functioning as a complex whole,' ' the contractor may maintain the record as a system noting all components of the system under the main component or maintain individual records for each item. However, for the annual report of Government property the components must be reported as a

**system** with one total dollar amount for the system, if that system total is \$25,000 or more.

e. The reports are to be **received** at EPA and DCMC no later than October 31 of each year.

f. Distribution shall be as follows:

Original to: EPA CO

1 copy: DCMC PA

g. EPA Contractors are required to comply with GSA's and DOE's special reporting requirements for motor vehicles. A statement of these requirements will be provided by the EPA Facility Management and Services Division (FMSD) concurrent with receipt of each vehicle.

h. The contractor shall provide detailed reports on an as-needed basis, as may be requested by the CO or the PA.

**8. DISPOSITION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.** The disposition process is composed of three distinct phases: identification of excess property, reporting of excess property, and final disposition.

a. Identification of Excess Property. The disposition process begins with the contractor identifying Government property that is excess to its contract. **Effective contractor property control systems provide for disclosing excesses as they occur.** Once inactive Government property has been determined to be excess to the contract to which it is accountable, it must be screened against the contractor's other EPA contracts for further use. If the property may be reutilized, the contractor shall notify the CO in writing. Government property will be transferred to other contracts only when the COs on both the current contract and the receiving contract authorize such a transfer in writing.

b. Reporting Excess Government Property. Excess Government property shall be reported in accordance with FAR Subpart 45.6. Inventory schedules A-E (SF Forms 1426-1434) provide the format for reporting of excess Government property. Instructions for completing the forms are located at FAR 45.606-5 and samples may be found in FAR 53.301-1426 thru 1434. Inventory schedules shall be forwarded to the DCMC PLCO with a copy to the EPA CO. The cover letter, which accompanies the inventory schedules, must include the EPA CO's name, address and telephone number. Inventory schedules must also contain a notification if the property is Superfund property. If the property is Superfund property, the contractor must also prominently include the following language on the inventory schedule: **"Note to PLCO: Reimbursement to the EPA Superfund is required."** When requested, by the PLCO or the CO, the contractor will provide the fair market value for those items requested.

c. Disposition Instructions.

1. If directed in writing by the EPA CO, the contractor will retain all or part of the excess Government property under the current contract for possible future requirements. The contractor shall request, from the PLCO, withdrawal from the inventory schedule of those items to be retained.

2. If directed in writing by the EPA CO, the contractor shall transfer the property to another EPA contractor. The contractor will transfer the property by shipping it in accordance with the instructions provided by the CO. The contractor shall request, from the PLCO, withdrawal from the inventory schedule of those items to be transferred. Further, the contractor shall notify the CO when the transfer is complete.

3. If directed in writing by the EPA CO, the contractor shall transfer the property to EPA. The contractor shall ship/deliver the property in accordance with the instructions provided by the CO. The contractor will request, from the PLCO, withdrawal from the inventory schedule of those items to be transferred to EPA. Further, the contractor shall notify the CO when the transfer is complete.

4. The contractor will ship the property elsewhere if directed, in writing, by the PLCO.

5. The PLCO will either conduct the sale or instruct the contractor to conduct a sale of surplus property. The contractor will allow prospective bidders access to property offered for sale.

6. Property abandoned by the PLCO on the contractor's site must be disposed of in a manner that does not endanger the health and safety of the public.

7. To effect transfer of accountability, the contractor shall provide the recipient of the property with the applicable data elements set forth in Attachment 1 of this clause. The contractor shall also obtain either a signed receipt from the recipient, or proof of shipment. The contractor shall update the official Government property record to indicate the disposition of the item and to close the record.

**9. CONTRACT CLOSEOUT.** The contractor shall complete a physical inventory of all Government property at contract completion and the results, including any discrepancies, shall be reported to the DCMC PA. In the case of a terminated contract, the contractor shall comply with the inventory requirements set forth in the applicable termination clause. The results of the inventory, as well as a detailed inventory listing, must be forwarded to the CO. For terminated contracts, the contractor will conduct and report the inventory results as directed by the CO.

However, in order to expedite the disposal process, contractors may be required to, or may elect to submit to the CO, an inventory schedule for disposal purposes up to six (6) months prior to contract completion. If such an inventory schedule is prepared, the contractor must indicate the earliest date that each item may be disposed.

The contractor shall update all property records to show disposal action. The contractor shall notify the DCMC PA, in writing, when all work has been completed under the contract and all Government property accountable to the contract has been disposed.



Attachment 1

**REQUIRED DATA ELEMENTS.** Where applicable (all elements are not applicable to material) the contractor is required to maintain, at a minimum, the information related to the following data elements for EPA Government property:

Contractor Identification/Tag Number;  
 Description;  
 Manufacturer;  
 Model;  
 Serial Number;  
 Acquisition Date;  
 Date received;  
 Acquisition Cost\*;  
 Acquisition Document Number;  
 Location;  
 Contract Number;  
 Account Number (if supplied);  
 Superfund (Yes/No);  
 Inventory Performance Date;  
 Disposition Date.

\* Acquisition cost shall include the price of the item plus all taxes, transportation and installation charges allocable to that item.

NOTE: For items comprising a system which is defined as, "a group of interacting items functioning as a complex whole," the contractor may maintain the record as a system noting all components of the system under the main component or maintain individual records for each item. However, for the Annual Report of Government Property, the components must be reported as a **system** with one total dollar amount for the system, if that system total is \$25,000 or more.

#### 17. DESIGNATION OF PROPERTY ADMINISTRATOR (EP 52.245-140) (SEP 1994)

The contract property administrator

Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA)

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is the Contracting Officer's designated representative on property matters. The Contractor shall furnish all required information on property to the property administrator.

#### 18. ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY, SERVICE, AND/OR SPACE (RTP-G-1)

1. A portion of the effort required to be accomplished under this contract must be performed at a Government facility. The Contractor shall be granted ingress and egress at such Government facility.

2. While Contractor personnel are at the Government facility, the Contractor is responsible for compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations governing conduct with respect to health and safety as they relate not only to their employees and agents, but also to other personnel who are Government employees or agents of the Government, and to property at the site regardless of ownership.

3. When the Contractor's team arrives at the Government facility, the team leader will make detailed arrangements with the Project Officer for access to and availability of the property, services, and space as listed hereafter.

4. While on Government premises and in possession of Government property, the Contractor is considered to be a bailee for hire, and subject to all duties thereof.

5. The Government property, services, and/or space as listed hereafter to which the Contractor shall have access under this clause shall be made available at the Government facility. In the event the property to which the Contractor is to have access is not made available as scheduled, the Contracting Officer shall, upon timely written request made by the Contractor, make a determination of the delay, if any, occasioned the Contractor thereby and shall equitably adjust the delivery or performance dates of the Contract and any other contractual provisions affected by any such delay, in accordance with the procedures provided for in the clause of the contract entitled "Changes."

LOCATION: Cafeteria  
86 T.W. Alexander Drive  
Research Triangle Park, NC

#### **19. ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT FORMAT (RTP-G-4)**

The EPA form, "Report of Government-Owned/Contractor-Held Property" can be found on the internet at: [http://www.epa.gov/oam/rtp\\_cmd](http://www.epa.gov/oam/rtp_cmd) under the heading "Forms."

#### **20. INSURANCE - WORK ON A GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION (RTP-H-1)**

The Contractor's insurance requirements of Clause 52.228-5, Insurance--Work on a Government Installation (JAN 1997), shall be as follows:

At a minimum, the Contractor shall procure and maintain the following types and amounts of insurance:

(1) Workmen's compensation and occupational disease insurance in amounts sufficient to satisfy Federal and State laws;

(2) Employer's liability insurance of at least \$100,000, except in States with exclusive or monopolistic funds that do not permit workers'

compensation to be written by private carriers;

(3) General liability insurance for bodily injury liability coverage written on the comprehensive form of policy of at least \$500,000 per occurrence.; and

(4) Automobile liability insurance written on the comprehensive form of policy providing for bodily injury and property damage liability covering the operation of all automobiles used in connection with performance of the contract of at least \$200,000 per person and \$500,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and \$20,000 per occurrence for property damage. The amount of liability coverage on other policies shall be commensurate with any legal requirements of the locality and sufficient to meet normal and customary claims.

## **21. GOVERNMENT HOLIDAYS (RTP-H-10)**

The following holidays are observed by the Government and the normal operation of the facilities will be closed on these days:

New Year's Day  
 Martin Luther King's Birthday  
 Presidents' Birthday  
 Memorial Day  
 Independence Day  
 Labor Day  
 Columbus Day  
 Veterans' Day  
 Thanksgiving Day  
 Christmas Day

## **22. PERSONNEL AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS**

### **(a) Management**

The Contractor shall appoint a manager for the ERC cafeteria and this individual shall be responsible for all activities. The Manager shall be experienced in all phases of good service operations and be fully knowledgeable about local and federal health codes and requirements. In addition to being sober, drug free, conscientious, competent, neat and courteous, the manager shall be experienced in public relations and be able to deal with the public and employees in a courteous, tactful manner. The manager shall be present during cafeteria operation hours, to supervise Contractor personnel, to plan work schedules, to train personnel, to be available to handle emergencies and other problems that may arise, and to handle questions and inquiries from customers. This individual shall be deemed Key Personnel and shall have full authority to act on behalf of the Contractor.

The Contractor shall also designate the specific contact to deal with the Contracting Officer.

### **(b) Personnel Selection**

The Contractor shall be responsible for the selection, certification, assignment, supervision, management, and control of employees in performance of this contract and shall comply with the general intent of specific policies or regulations of EPA concerning the conduct of employees as referenced herein.

All employees shall be sober, drug free, conscientious, competent, neat and courteous. All food handlers shall possess current Health Certificates as required by local statutes and N.C. State laws.

Any employee found to be suffering from a communicable disease shall be removed immediately from duty. A medical clearance certificate shall be required before the employee returns to work.

Employees shall be experienced in the particular phase of the food operation in which they serve. For certain non-skill areas, such as dishwashing and custodial, previous experience is desirable but is not required.

(c) Replacements

The Contractor shall furnish qualified, as describe in (b) above, replacement personnel within one hour if regular personnel do not report for work at scheduled times.

(d) Physical Examinations

All employees assigned by the Contractor to work under this contract shall be physically able to perform any assigned work and shall be free from any communicable diseases. Each employee shall be given a physical examination, without cost to the Government. Any problems discovered as a result of physical which any way impacts the ability of the employee to perform work or presents a possible health risk to customers must be brought to the attention of the Project Officer and the Contracting Officer. In the event a medical question arises over the ability of a Contractor employee to perform the assigned duties or be free of a communicable disease, the Contractor may, at the discretion of the Project Officer, be required to refer the matter to competent medical authority for a review and determination.

(e) Delegation of Duties

Delegation of duties to personnel will be the prerogative of the Contractor; however, the Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor of any employees' inappropriate behavior, poor performance, misconduct, endangering life or property. The Contractor shall take appropriate action to resolve or rectify any problems identified by the Contracting Officer.

(f) Uniforms

Contractor personnel shall present a neat appearance and be easily recognized. This shall be accomplished by wearing distinctive clothing, fitted to the individual and bearing the name of the company, and by wearing appropriate badges which contain employee's name. Uniforms worn by employees shall be of the same style and color. Each Contractor employee shall be issued by the Government and required to wear appropriate

Government identification badges except when working in food preparation and serving areas. Hair nets and serving gloves are required to be worn in accordance with local Health Department regulations.

(g) Licenses

The Contractor shall procure at his own expense all necessary licenses, and permits, and shall conform to all local, state, and federal laws, ordinances, and regulations applicable to the performance of this license. All employees assigned by the Contractor to perform work requiring driving a vehicle under this contract shall possess a valid driver's license.

(h) Bonding

All personnel who will be handling cash and merchandise shall be bonded up to \$2,500 each at the expense and responsibility of the Contractor. A copy of each bond shall be furnished to the Project Officer.

### **23. CAFETERIA PRICES**

(a) The contractor shall submit a menu (including prices) that is to be offered in the cafeteria. The menu shall be submitted to the Project Officer, for approval, at least ten (10) days prior to the start of the contract. In addition, the contractor shall submit new items to be added to the menu, to the Project Officer, for approval, at least thirty (30) days in advance of adding the new items to the menu.

(b) Negotiated prices at time of contract award are included in Attachment (to be added at contract award.)

### **24. DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION**

(a) Because the Agency does not close, except in cases of extreme weather conditions, the contractor is expected to provide service five (5) days per week except for the Federal Holidays stated in the clause entitled "Government Holidays" in the contract.

(b) The minimum operating hours for the ERC cafeteria are established as follows:

General	6:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Breakfast	6:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Lunch	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

### **25. GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED SERVICES**

(a) Custodial or Janitorial - For cafeteria seating area only. Contractor shall be responsible for cleaning of service stations and preparation areas.

(b) Maintenance - for Government provided equipment and for cafeteria facility.

(c) Communication - For local telephone-communications required for official business and for Local Area Network.

(d) Mail Handling - Government shall provide pick up and drop off point for official mail.

(e) Reproduction - Government shall provide use of duplication machines for the reproduction of material needed strictly for the performance of this contract.

(f) Furniture - Government shall provide basic furnishings for the cafeteria manager's office.

(g) Space and utilities - The Government will provide space, heating, air conditioning, lighting, ventilation and utilities.

(h) Rodent Control - The Government will provide control of rodents and vermin in all areas of operation.

(i) Structural Repairs - The Government shall maintain and repair the building structure, including gas, water, sewer, electrical, HVAC, floors, walls and ceilings; PROVIDED that the Contractor shall bear the expense of repairs necessary due to Contractor or employee's negligence.

## **26. IDENTIFICATION OF ON-SITE CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES**

(a) The contractor shall arrange with the Project Officer for the issuance, by the Government, of a photo identification badge to all consultants, prime contractor and any tier subcontractor personnel working at EPA facilities under the terms and conditions of this contract. This photo identification badge will be issued PRIOR TO THE CONTRACTOR employee ENTERING ON DUTY AT AN EPA facility. If an employee site clearance report is required elsewhere in this contract, the photo identification badge will be issued only upon the Project Officer's approval of a favorable site clearance report.

(b) The contractor shall instruct all personnel issued photo identification badges to display their badges at all times while the employee is at an EPA facility.

(c) The contractor shall return all photo identification badges to the Project Officer upon the dismissal or termination of an employee or when the contract expires, whichever occurs first.

(d) The contractor shall immediately notify the Project Officer, in writing, when an employee has lost or is unable to locate his or her photo identification badge.

(e) The contractor shall inform all new consultants, prime contractor and any tier subcontractor personnel requiring access to an EPA facility to display personal identification, such as a driver's license; social security card; passport; etc. to the Project Officer, prior to entering the EPA facility for the first time to have the photo identification badge made. The contractor employee will be instructed by the contractor to continue to display such personal identification to the Project Officer until such time

a photo identification badge is provided.

## **27. LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

The contractor shall obtain, at no cost to the Government, operating licenses and permits required by local, State or Federal law, including a valid health permit issued by the City of Durham Health Department. These must be obtained prior to the start of this contract and must be renewed as necessary.

## **28. SANITATION RATING**

The contractor shall provide the necessary personnel to maintain a clean, orderly, sanitary and well-organized operation. The cafeteria shall be operated in such a manner as to warrant a rating of "A" by the Durham County, NC, Board of Health.

A rating other than "A" is not acceptable, and correction to bringing the rating to "A" shall be completed within ten (10) calendar days after notification of a rating lower than "A", unless such rating is a result of facilities or equipment belonging to the Government.

## **29. SAVE HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

The contractor shall provide the necessary personnel to maintain a clean, orderly, sanitary and well-organized operation. Cafeteria shall be operated in such a manner as to warrant a rating of "A" by the Durham County, NC, Board of Health. A rating other than "A" is not acceptable, and correction to bring the rating to "A" shall be completed within ten (10) calendar days after notification of a rating lower than "A", unless such rating is a result of facilities or equipment belonging to the Government.

## **30. BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS**

All employees shall have a pre-employment investigation conducted prior to entering on duty for employment, and their personal qualifications must meet the Contractor's employment standards required for the position. This investigation shall include a search of local police files in the area of residence for the last five years and an inquiry of former employers and references. This investigation is to be conducted by the Contractor without additional cost to the government, and be available for review by the representative of the Contracting Officer. A summary of the results of this pre-employment investigation shall be furnished to the PO within 30 days of employee's entry on duty. An employee shall not be permitted to work without the employment investigation being completed.

ATTACHMENT 2

STATEMENT OF WORK



**STATEMENT OF WORK  
ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER (ERC) CAFETERIA OPERATIONS**

**DESCRIPTIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS**

**I. REQUIREMENTS**

A. GENERAL

The contractor shall provide and prepare all foods, operation and maintain one cafeteria, at the Environmental Research Center (ERC), 86 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, N.C. for the purpose of selling products and non-alcoholic beverages primarily to Government employees and their guests; however, others may utilize the facilities during regularly scheduled operation hours.

B. CUSTODIAL REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall be responsible for total custodial care in the kitchen, storeroom areas, manager's office, EPA loading dock, dining area tables and chairs, employee's locker room, corridors, passageways, and any other spaces assigned to the cafeteria areas. The EPA janitorial contractor shall be responsible for vacuuming the dining area and dusting the window sills.

Custodial care and cleaning shall be accomplished daily, or more frequently as necessary, to maintain the highest standards of sanitation, cleanliness, and safety.

Garbage shall be bagged in plastic bags prior to disposal in dumpsters by Contractor personnel. Continuous monitoring of garbage cans shall be maintained during the lunch period and they shall be emptied as required. Garbage cans shall be washed daily.

All vehicles, carts, and other devices shall be kept clean.

**II. SAFETY AND HEALTH**

A. The Contractor shall comply with the following standards:

- (1) Safety and health regulations set forth by the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.
- (2) Safety and health codes and standards set forth by State or local jurisdiction where work is to be performed.

B. In addition, the contractor shall comply with the following:

- (1) Contractor shall instruct employees in all appropriate safety measures.
- (2) Contractor shall provide all necessary insurance, safety equipment, and personal protective equipment for the nature of

the work employees will be required to perform under the contract, and will enforce the use of such equipment.

(3) Contractor shall take proper safety and health precautions to protect the work site, the workers, all personnel and the property of others.

(4) Contractor shall be responsible for safety in the assigned areas, and shall identify any safety hazards to the Project Officer.

(5) EPA Safety Officers have the authority to stop all activities at any time when in their judgement there is a safety or potential safety risk.

(6) Contractor shall comply with all procedures prescribed by the Project Officer or appropriate Government Safety Officers for the control and safety persons visiting the site, and shall comply with such requirements to prevent accidents as may be prescribed by the Project Officer.

(7) The contractor shall maintain an accurate record of, and report to the Project Officer all accidents and incidents resulting in death, traumatic injury, occupational disease, and/or damage to all property incident to work performed under the contract.

C. Safety Plan - Within fifteen (15) days after award, the contractor shall submit a copy to the Contracting Officer, a written plan for complying with the safety and health provisions of this contract, and shall meet with the Project Officer to discuss and develop mutual understanding relative to the administration and the overall safety program.

### **III. PHASE OUT REQUIREMENTS FOR ERC CAFETERIA**

Based on the occupancy of the ERC located at 86 T.W. Alexander Drive. the cafeteria services shall consist only of breakfast, soup, sandwiches, salad bar, and operation of the grill. Based on the current occupancy schedule, approximately 300 to 325 EPA employees and contractor personnel will be housed in the ERC. EPA projects approximately 113 individuals will move from the ERC on or about October 10, 2002, approximately 72 additional individuals will move on or about October 31, 2002, and an additional 76 individuals will move on or about November 21, 2002. Currently EPA's plans are a complete closure of the ERC cafeteria operations by the end of November 2002; however, due to the potential of move schedule slippage, EPA will provide option periods in increments of 30 days for each option through January 31, 2003.

ATTACHMENT 3

GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED PROPERTY

ATTACHMENT 4

WAGE DETERMINATION

ATTACHMENT 5

CLIENT AUTHORIZATION LETTER

Client Authorization Letter

[Addressee]

Dear "Client":

We are currently responding to the Environmental Protection Agency's RFP No. PR-NC-02-10450 for the procurement of Environmental Research Center (ERC) Cafeteria Operations. The EPA is placing increased emphasis in their acquisitions on past performance as a source selection factor. EPA requires offerors to inform references identified in proposals that EPA may contact them about past performance information.

If you are contacted by EPA for information on work we have performed under contract for your company, you are hereby authorized to respond to EPA inquiries.

Your cooperation is appreciated. Any questions may be directed to

Sincerely,

ATTACHMENT 6

PAST PERFORMANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

**PAST PERFORMANCE QUESTIONNAIRE****S O U R C E   S E L E C T I O N   S E N S I T I V E   I N F O R M A T I O N****(TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFEROR PRIOR TO MAILING TO REFERENCE)****Name of Offeror:** \_\_\_\_\_**Contract Number:** \_\_\_\_\_**Contract Title:** \_\_\_\_\_**Contract Value:** \_\_\_\_\_**Type of Contract:** \_\_\_\_\_**Period of Performance:** \_\_\_\_\_

The remainder of this form is to be completed by the reference and returned to EPA as instructed in the Client Authorization Letter.

Performance Elements	Not Applicable	Outstanding	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
1. Quality of Product or Service				
2. Timeliness of Performance				
3. Effectiveness of Management (including subcontractors)				
4. Initiative in Meeting Requirements				
5. Response to Technical Direction				
6. Responsiveness to Performance Problems				
7. Compliance with Cost Estimates				
8. Customer Satisfaction				
9. Overall Performance				

10. Remarks on outstanding performance:

(Provide data supporting this observation; you may continue on a separate sheet if needed.)

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11. Remarks on unsatisfactory performance:

(Provide data supporting this observation; you may continue on separate sheet if needed.)

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12. Please identify any corporate affiliations with the offeror.

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13. Would you do business with this firm again?

14. Information provided by:

Agency/Firm

Name

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Title

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Mailing Address (Street and P.O. Box)

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City, State and Zip Code

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Telephone and Fax Numbers